



News briefs

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Sources: U.N. set to pass Iraq resolution

UNITED NATIONS —

The U.N. Security Council is expected to approve a resolution that would send U.N. inspectors back to Iraq and complete the U.S. quest to win international backing to disarm Saddam Hussein. The resolution is expected to pass 14-0 Friday with one abstention, Syria. It would open the way for inspectors to return to Iraq, possibly within two weeks. Meanwhile in Baghdad, there are indications Iraq might accept the resolution, finalized on Thursday. The council is to convene in formal session in New York for the vote.

South America's 'tri-border' back on terrorism radar

CIUDAD DEL ESTE, Paraguay — The area of South America known as the tri-border region, which drew the attention of antiterrorism experts after Sept. 11, 2001, has again become a point of

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Base improvements healthier for soldiers



Shaiq (front) spreads rocks over the dirt in Bagram Air Base to minimize blowing dust particles in the air.

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Protecting service members from harmful elements is one of the missions for the U.S. Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine — Europe here in Afghanistan and surrounding areas.

Recently, tests were conducted at Bagram Air Base, Kandahar Air Field, Shamsi Forward Operating Base in Pakistan and Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan, for the quality

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Seasoned Marine re-enlists for challenge

By Cpl. Matthew Orr
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KABUL, Afghanistan — Marines are known for rising early, but for one Marine the October morning would welcome new challenges for the next four years.

With the U.S. Embassy in Kabul as a backdrop and Old Glory flying above, Cpl. Ronald S. Arthur, a radio operator attached to 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism), raised his right hand and repeated the solemn vows of re-enlistment that would enable him

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to remain in the Marine Corps.

Arthur joined the Corps at the age of 29 and said he wasn't mature enough to handle the responsibilities of the Marine Corps after leaving high school.

"I wasn't mentally prepared to handle the rigors and challenges of the Marine Corps when I got out of high school," he said.

After completing high school at Edmondson-West Side Vocational High School in Baltimore, Arthur worked in the telecommunication field installing residential phone and cable lines and underground and aerial distribution lines.

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Arthur's brother was also a rifleman in the Marine Corps and was stationed in both Okinawa, Japan, and Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"I chose not to follow in his footsteps," said Arthur. "I felt that with my technical background, it would be a natural progression for me to have a communication job and so chose to become a radio operator."

He said the day-to-day challenges in his job are what motivate Arthur to rise every morning.

"I really enjoy my job as it allows me to travel the world and be a leader of Marines which is something that was lacking in my life before joining the Marine Corps," he said.

Arthur said the decision to re-enlist was not a hard one to make. "Where else can you work or get the challenges that the Marine Corps has to offer?"

Arthur also said that a re-enlistment bonus wasn't a contributing factor to his choice of staying in the Marine Corps.

Arthur was given a small monetary bonus and two weeks of paid leave. He said he plans to spend those two weeks relaxing with his wife and children.

"The monetary re-enlistment bonus paid no factor in my choice to re-enlist," he said. "The biggest payment is the education that you get in the Corps, that is where the 'real' money is."



U.S. military Reserve pay issues

❖ **Allotments**

Reservists cannot start any allotments.

❖ **Leave**

Reservists must cash in leave upon separation from active duty status. In addition leave accrued is not reflected on the leave and earnings statement.

❖ **Payday**

Reservists are paid twice a month. Thus entitlements will show up half on the 15th and half on the first.

❖ **HDP-L**

This entitlement is manually coded at

the end of every month. Thus, it will not be reflected on your LES until the following month.

❖ **CZTE**

This entitlement is paid the month following the entitlement just like the HDP-L. Also, as is the case with HDP-L, with termination of active duty status, the Reservist will receive one final LES reimbursing the prior months entitlements.

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of air, drinking water, soil, asbestos and noise levels.

Because of the reports, Logistic Task Force-264 is assisting base operations in following recommendations made for Bagram Air Base.

❖ **Dust**

To minimize the dust and dirt in the air, areas are paved and rocks are placed along unpaved well-traveled areas. In addition, policies were written minimize digging and traffic on the dusty roads.

"We are putting rocks down on barren surfaces and the water truck goes around the base to keep the dust down," said Lt. Col. James F. Green, deputy base engineer, 416th Engineer Command, Chicago.

When dusty paths are traveled on, the dust is stirred up. Water is purposely sprayed on dusty areas to keep dust levels down. They study also recommended minimizing activities outside during high winds to reduce exposure to the dust.

❖ **Water**

The drinking water on Bagram Air Base is provided by local wells and is sent through a reverse osmosis purification unit. To curtail contamination from surface infiltration, use of industrial chemicals and industrial activities is pro-

hibited within the well area.

LTF-264 has installed a new pump at the south water site on the base and is in the process of applying a sanitary seal on the well, Green said.

❖ **Other hazards**

To prevent future environmental and occupational exposures to contaminated soil, units are directed to use drip pans and spill kits.

"The LTF uses drip pans on all vehicles and any equipment that requires it," Green said. "All stationary fuel sites have secondary containment and maintenance areas have spill kits."

In their tests, CHPPM discovered asbestos in the air tower.

"The Air Force control tower has undergone extensive renovation," Green said. "Most of the asbestos on the asbestos insulated pipes has been removed."

"The health effects of asbestos exposure do not occur until long after a person has been exposed," said Capt. Cory Campora, 791st Preventive Medicine Detachment commander out of Stanton, Calif.

"Long term effects may include the disease called asbestosis, which is a chronic lung reaction. Development of lung cancer and other cancers is a primary concern for persons exposed to asbestos."

The asbestos insulated pipes that remain are located in minimal-

use rooms or other low traffic areas. There is a proposed plan to have the asbestos removed by February 2003.

❖ **Noise**

Noise tests were also performed in living and sleeping areas. The study found that noise from generators was exceeding 85 decibels, and it was making it hard for soldiers to sleep.

"The effects of noise from a generator, which is termed continuous or steady state noise, depends upon many different factors," said Campora. "But prolonged exposure to levels exceeding 85 decibels can cause some short term effects such as tinnitus (a ringing sensation) and increased stress and fatigue, as well as long term effects such as reduction in hearing sensitivity to high frequencies and the onset of hearing loss."

"Over the long term, this data could be helpful if down the road there are some chronic health problems with soldiers who were here," Campora said. "From the information we are gathering, one could get somewhat of an idea of what a soldier was exposed to while he or she was stationed here at Bagram."

Information about the various concerns on base will be communicated through newcomer briefings, safety meetings, postings and news briefs.

HIND SIGHT

1799

Napoleon Bonaparte participated in a coup and declared himself dictator of France.

1914

The Australian light cruiser HMAS *Sydney* wrecked the German cruiser *Emden*, forcing her to beach on a reef on North Keeling Island in the Indian Ocean.

1965

Nine northeastern states and parts of Canada went dark in the worst power failure in history, when a switch at a station near Niagara Falls fails.

1989

The Berlin Wall was opened after dividing the city for 28 years.

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concern. Coalition intelligence sources believe that several top terrorist operatives met recently in the area — where the borders of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay intersect — to plan attacks against U.S. and Israeli targets in the Western hemisphere. The meetings were attended by representatives of Hezbollah and other groups sympathetic to Osama bin Laden. The sources say Mugniyeh — working from his bases in Iran and Hezbollah-controlled areas of Lebanon — is directing the activities of terrorists in South America, planning to hit U.S. and Israeli targets if the United States attacks Iraq, or if Israel is drawn into the conflict.

U.S. to call for Japan missile shield

TOKYO — The United States is expected to urge Japan to develop and build its own version of a national missile defense shield in response to the threat posed by North Korea's nuclear program. The U.S. Undersecretary of Defense Douglas Feith is said to call for Tokyo to deploy such a system when he meets with Japanese Defense Minister Shigeru Ishiba on Friday. Feith warned that the danger posed by ballistic missiles to Japan was real. Such a system would be designed to shoot down long-range missiles by detecting the launch and then tracking the missile flight path through a network of geostationary satellites.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present "Harry Potter" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Lord of the Rings," showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
Bagram:	Thunderstorms H: 59F L: 48F	Party Cloudy H: 63F L: 36F
Kandahar:	Thunderstorms H: 68F L: 52F	Rain H: 68F L: 52F
Kabul:	Rain H: 55F L: 41F	Rain H: 55F L: 37F
Uzbekistan:	Rain H: 66F L: 44F	Sunny H: 70F L: 43F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Oklahoma	2.04
2. Ohio State	5.57
3. Miami, Fla.	6.01
4. Texas	10.03
5. Washington State	13.05
6. Georgia	15.03
7. Notre Dame	15.33
8. Iowa	16.29
9. USC	19.37
10. Virginia Tech	20.88
11. Michigan	31.62
12. N.C. State	32.40
13. Florida State	33.75
14. Florida	36.95
15. Kansas State	38.20

The Day in Sports

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Anyone want a champion? Angels still for sale

BURBANK, Calif. — The Walt Disney Co. remains committed to selling the Anaheim Angels despite the team's recent World Series triumph.

Disney chairman Michael Eisner said any deal involving the Angels or the Mighty Ducks of the NHL would require that the teams stay in Anaheim.

"We're probably more aggressive in that and would look to either sell our sports teams or a large part as soon as possible," Eisner said during a conference call Thursday. "However, they're not fire sales."

"The problem with a company like ours is if you run them (sports teams) for the shareholders, you would have a negative impact on Disneyland and Orange County — you couldn't pay the salaries. If you ran them for Orange County and Southern California, and pay what it takes for salaries, then you have the negative impact of losses."

David Miller, an analyst for Sanders, Morris, Harris, estimated Friday that Disney consistently loses \$9 million a year on the Ducks and \$16 million annually on the Angels. In 2001, the Angels reported a \$25,000 profit to the commissioner's office after revenue sharing.

Eisner said Disney has had "a lot of conversations" with people who have expressed an interest in the teams.

"We are, over time, considering whether we would sell all of them or keep a piece," he said, adding that the company would be open to selling the teams separately or as a package.



2002-03 NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic

New Jersey	5-1
Orlando	5-1
Philadelphia	4-1
Boston	3-2
Washington	3-3

Central

Detroit	5-1
Indiana	4-1
New Orleans	3-1
Atlanta	3-2
Toronto	2-3

Western Conference

Midwest

Dallas	5-0
San Antonio	4-1
Minnesota	4-2
Houston	2-2
Utah	1-4

Pacific

Seattle	4-2
Sacramento	3-3
Portland	2-3
Phoenix	2-3
L.A. Lakers	2-5



Hill's 27 points lead Magic to win

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grant Hill had 27 points and nine assists as the Orlando Magic beat the Seattle SuperSonics 105-98 on Friday night.

Tracy McGrady was denied a third straight 40-point game, scoring 23 — 11 in the fourth quarter. He shot 8-for-22, missing eight of his first 10 attempts.

But in the final minutes, McGrady hit a fallaway jumper as the shot clock expired and followed that with a three-point play on a fastbreak layup to give the Magic a 96-88 lead.

Mike Miller broke out of a long-range shooting slump to add 18 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Miller entered shooting 27 percent from beyond the arc, but hit three 3-pointers in six attempts.

For Seattle, Vladimir Radmanovic had 20 points and a career-high 11 rebounds. Gary Payton had 21 points and eight assists.

Coker likes bowl system, Stoops prefers playoff

NORMAN, Okla. — If his team wins the rest of its games, Bob Stoops will have No. 1 Oklahoma in the national championship game for the second time in three years. Defending national champion and second-ranked Miami could go undefeated and miss out on the Fiesta Bowl.

So it's not surprising that Stoops and Coker might have different opinions of the Bowl Championship Series system, which determines who plays for the national title. Stoops wouldn't mind seeing changes to the BCS, and Coker likes the system roughly the way it is.

Wait a minute.

The coach whose team has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of the BCS wants a playoff? And the coach whose team is on course to be jilted by the system for the second time in three seasons approves of it?

Exactly.

"There needs to be some type of playoff system," Stoops said. "Some of it (the BCS) makes sense and is good. Other parts of it don't make sense, and it's bad. They need to eliminate the parts that don't make sense and get it to make sense more."

Oklahoma (8-0) has a solid lead this week's BCS rankings, which take into account the Associated Press media poll, the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll and six computer rankings. If the Sooners win their final four regular-season games and the Big 12 championship game, they will play in the Fiesta Bowl for the national title.

Stoops said the teams that play for the national title should at least have won a conference championship. Last year, Nebraska made it to the national championship game after not even winning the North Division of the Big 12.

"What'll happen this year, I don't know," he said. "I don't even bother to speculate. I don't much care. All I care about is going to play Texas A&M this week. Hopefully, down the road they'll find a way to tweak it or incorporate some type of playoff, but use the bowls to use it. I think it would be great."

Stoops suggested possibly an eight-team playoff that would involve seven BCS bowl games, with the championship game being rotated among those bowls. Or perhaps just rotating it among four BCS bowls.

"They need a lot smarter people than me to figure it out," he said.

The Hurricanes (8-0) are third in the BCS rankings behind Oklahoma and Ohio State. Even if they win their remaining four games, there's a possibility they could stay there, which would open the system to even harsher criticism.

NFL injury report

ST. LOUIS — Kurt Warner's second day throwing the football went much better than the first. The St. Louis Rams' quarterback, limited to 10- to 15-yard tosses on Thursday, stretched his arm on 30-yard throws Friday as he continued his rehabilitation for a broken finger.

Warner, who had four pins removed from a broken pinkie on Monday and has missed four games, remains certain he'll "definitely" return for the Nov. 18 Monday night game against Chicago.

Happy 227th B-Day Marine Corps!



Solution from Friday's Head Start Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

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